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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TERRORISM IN LONG KHANH TO RECOVER LAND
GIVEN OVER RESETTLEMENT SITES

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

DATED FEB 28TH IS REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR ACTION:

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REF: BIEN HOA 50

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS
PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE MSS IN LONG KHANH ON
THE RECENT TROUBLE AT LA NGA RESETTLEMENT SITE WHICH WAS THE
SUBJECT OF PRESS ACCOUNTS AND REFTEL. COPIES ARE BEING FORWARDED
TO MINPOL.

2. MSS INVESTIGATION WAS LENGTHY AND IN GREAT DETAIL. IT INVOLVED
CONFRONTATION OF WITNESSES WHO HAD GIVEN DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS OF
THE EVENTS. CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THESE REPORTS IS THAT
PROBLEM CENTERS ON DISPUTES AMONG SQUATTERS WHO WERE OUSTED
WHEN RESETTLEMENT SITE WAS ESTABLISHED, BUDDHISTS WHO OCCUPIED
RESETTLEMENT SITE, AND CATHOLICS WHO ARE LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF
THE AREA. WITNESSES WHO HAD INITIALLY SAID SHOTS WHICH KILLED
WOMAN WERE FIRED BY THREE MEN IN A LAMBRETTE CHANGED THEIR
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STORIES WHEN CONFRONTED WITH WITNESSES WHO SAID THAT LAMBRETTE

ONLY STOPPED ON SIDE OF ROAD WHILE AFIRE FIGHT BETWEEN VC
AND LOCAL SECURITY FORCES TOOK PLACE.

3. STORY THAT EMERGES FROM THESE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS IS VERY
DIFFERENT FROM THAT APPEARING IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, MOST RECENTLY
AP STORY DESCRIBED PARA 3 FEB 19 EA PRESS SUMMARY, STATE
032928. RELIABILITY OF POLICE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS MIGHT OF
COURSE BE CHALLENGED BUT WE HAVE NO SPECIAL REASON FOR DOING SO
IN THIS CASE.

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